

# CG AJ Bell Income

As at 31 March 2026

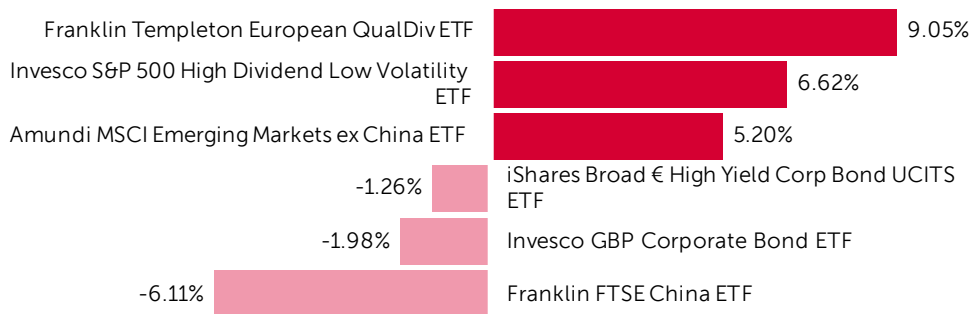
**Portfolio commentary**

The AJ Bell Income fund's blend of dividend-paying stocks and income-generating bonds made for a mixed but ultimately positive quarter, with a 0.97% return.

Over one quarter of the fund is invested in bonds, which meant the shift from anticipated interest rate cuts to potential hikes made a significant impact. Bond prices generally fell in response to higher inflation expectations driven by the US-Iran war; however, our holdings are mostly in shorter-term bonds, which are less sensitive to rate moves. Cash also contributed to the return. In the meantime, we invested more in short-dated bonds as yields have become more attractive of late.

On the stocks and shares side, while the US struggled, the UK was a strong contributor. BP and Shell benefited from the energy squeeze, and the UK market's inclination to dividend-paying companies helped the fund. The fund has been able to continue its monthly income distribution, and our focus on quality income-generating assets across the portfolio keeps us well-positioned.

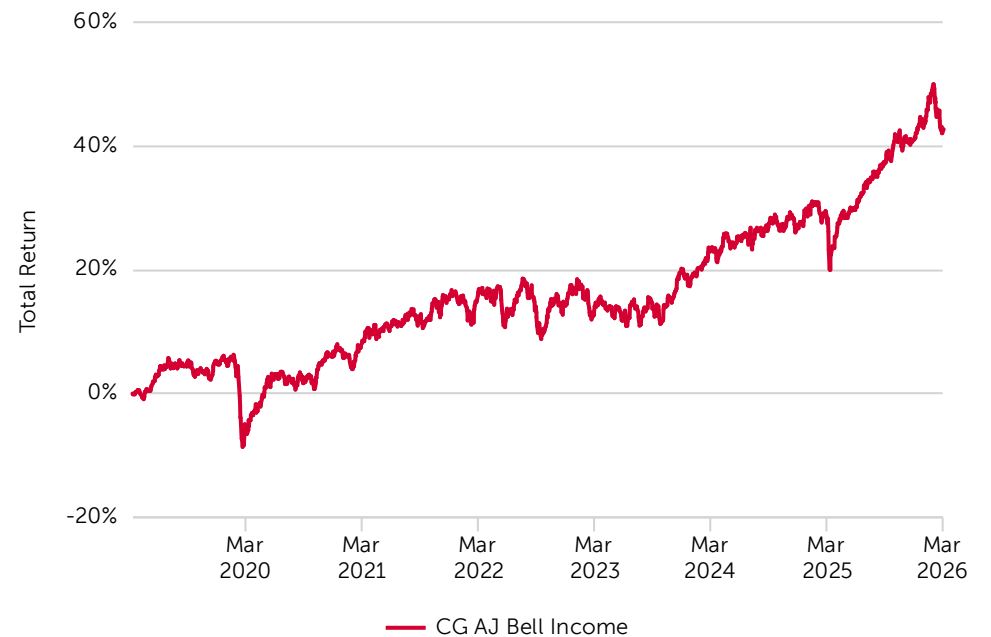
**Q1 2026 best/worst performers**



**Performance**

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
CG AJ Bell Income	0.97	3.94	12.01	25.14	31.64	42.72

The above table displays the total return of the fund on a cumulative basis. This is taken from the most recent month end.



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**Portfolio snapshot**

Number of holdings	25
Inception date	08 Apr 2019
Fund size	£66.84m
ISIN	(I Acc) GB00BH3W7446

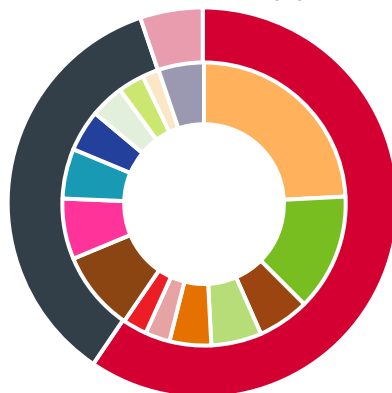
**Top 10 holdings**

Holding	Weight (%)
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF	13.34
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	12.31
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	11.85
US inflation-linked treasuries (GBP hedged)	6.66
Invesco GBP Corporate Bond ETF	5.72
Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF	4.76
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF	4.09
iShares £ Ultrashort Bond ETF	3.91
iShares ESG Overseas Corporat Bond Index	3.87
State Street Emerging Markets Hard Currency Government Bond Index	3.24

**Risk profile**

For investors who can tolerate short-term dips in portfolio value and understand the importance of investing for the long term to help in achieving higher overall returns. The portfolio invests in funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), using a defined strategic asset allocation process to deliver returns while meeting the targeted level of risk.

**Asset allocation (%)**



<b>Equity</b>	<b>59.49</b>
North America equity	24.16
UK equity	13.34
Europe ex-UK equity	5.93
Japan equity	5.74
Emerging markets equity	4.76
China equity	2.82
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<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>35.31</b>
Global government bonds (GBP hedged)	9.19
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	6.92
UK corporate bonds	5.72
Emerging market debt	4.71
Global corporate bonds (GBP hedged)	3.87
UK index-linked gilts	2.96
UK government bonds	1.93
<b>Cash</b>	<b>5.20</b>

**Fixed income breakdown (%)**



<b>GBP Bonds</b>	<b>85.01</b>
Global government bonds (GBP hedged)	29.24
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	22.02
UK corporate bonds	18.20
UK index-linked gilts	9.40
UK government bonds	6.14
<b>International Bonds</b>	<b>14.99</b>
Emerging market debt	14.99

**Equity breakdown (%)**



Sector	
Financial Services	18.94
Technology	13.92
Industrials	9.88
Consumer Defensive	9.42
Healthcare	8.62
Energy	8.27
Consumer Cyclical	7.87
Communication Services	7.40
Utilities	5.77
Real Estate	5.58
Basic Materials	4.33

The Ongoing charges figure (OCF) includes the underlying OCF, the annual management fee, and the costs for running and administering the fund structure. The annual management fee is variable, as it consists of the fixed OCF, minus all other costs.

Transaction costs represent the net costs incurred by the fund in buying and selling underlying investments. These are the gross costs offset with any pricing mechanisms used by the fund to protect investors from the cost of transactions (such as swing pricing). In some instances this may result in a negative number.

Performance is calculated on a net of fees basis. This fund launched on 8 April 2019.

Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

**Currency Risk:** The Fund invests in overseas markets and the value of its investments and may rise or fall as a result of changes in exchange rates.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** The Fund invests in less economically developed markets (i.e. emerging markets) which can involve greater risks and fluctuations in valuations compared to developed market places.

**Index Trading Risk:** The performance of any passively managed funds may not exactly track that of their indices. This is referred to as 'Tracking error'.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Fluctuations in interest rates may affect the value of the Fund and your investment.

**Liquidity Risk:** The Fund invests within underlying funds and there is a risk that these suspend or defer the payment of redemption proceeds, which may impact the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests.



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